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Subject: Asbestos Dump Site, NJ
EPA Work Assignment No. 45-2LA2.0

Dear Mr. McKnight:

In accord with your instructions during a phone conversation on May 18, NUS/REMPO is currently finalizing the Asbestos Dump Work Plan.

We are incorporating those comments compiled by NUS/FIT, as well as verbal comments received from Mr. Mark Haulenbeek and Mr. Marcus Kantz of the EPA Edison office. The latter comments pertain to deletion of ambient air sampling for asbestos fiber content. EPA Edison's suggestion to delete this activity is based upon the limited practicality of accurately estimating asbestos fiber concentrations in ambient air.

As we had discussed, NUS concurs with this opinion, and has suggested instead that since we assume that exposed asbestos waste materials will degrade, releasing fibers to the air, an Initial Remedial Measure (IRM) should be implemented at those sites where this poses a public health risk. It is understood that while the IRM will be referenced in the RI/FS Work Plan, an additional Work Assignment will be forthcoming from EPA in order to prepare a detailed Work Plan for the performance of the IRM.

In the event that responsible parties decline to perform the Asbestos Dump RI/FS, the RI will be conducted by the NUS Region II Field Investigation Team (FITO), and the FS will be done by the NUS Remedial Planning Office (REMPO). Since FITO involvement is likely, it would be beneficial to have their input to revision of the RI/FS. I understand that you are currently working with Mr. Haulenbeek to establish a TDD under which FIT would participate. We are pursuing completion of the final RI/FS with delivery to you by mid-June for your use in negotiating with the responsible parties. This time schedule may not permit FITO review of this version of the Work Plan.

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It is also understood that, while Interim Authorization for Initial Activities was received by NUS on May 22, via Contract Modification No. 43, it is your desire that no work other than finalization of the Work Plan occur until negotiations with responsible parties have been concluded. The latter is anticipated by the end of June.

I have attempted to formally summarize our discussions of the past week. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me. If I do not hear otherwise by May 31, I will assume that you are in agreement with the content of this letter.

Very truly yours,



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